

**Needs Assessment**



## Memorandum

Date: February 4, 1997

To: Interested Parties (See Attached List)

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*Cindy Darling*

Subject: Needs Assessment Meeting On Wednesday, February 5, 1997

The meeting of the needs assessment group will be Wednesday, February 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in MWDSC's conference room. If you would like to participate by conference call, please call in at (916) 657-4113. If you are the first person calling in, the phone will continue to ring until someone else calls in. If you have any difficulty calling in please contact Beth Chambers or Robin Jenkins at the CALFED office at 657-2666.

Attached are:

- a brief agenda for the meeting,
- comments received from Serge Birk and Allen Short,
- and a revised draft of the material David Yargas circulated at the January meeting of the Ecosystem Roundtable.

Cynthia Koehler has also been working on organizing some thoughts but her paper was not available in time to include in this package. I will work with her tomorrow to try to get her information out to the group members.

Allen Short raised several questions regarding the relationship of the Restoration Fund Roundtable and the Ecosystem Roundtable. We can discuss these at the meeting on Wednesday as they relate to the needs assessment and at the February meeting of the full Ecosystem Roundtable as they relate to the coordination of funding sources. Our current understanding is as follows:

*Will the Restoration Roundtable cease to exist?* The Restoration Fund Roundtable was created by stakeholders who have an interest in the expenditure of the CVPIA Restoration Fund and is not formally chartered under FACA. Its continued existence is

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### CALFED Agencies

#### California

The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

#### Federal

Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

up to the members of the Restoration Roundtable who currently want to continue to meet.

*Will the activities of the Restoration Roundtable be transferred to the Ecosystem Roundtable?* CALFED and CVPIA staff have been meeting to coordinate on several important tasks including five year priorities, annual selection of projects, and establishment of outside review of technical documents. As these two programs become better coordinated, the Restoration Roundtable can elect to defer to the Ecosystem Roundtable on issues as they see fit.

*If the Restoration Roundtable continues to exist, what will its relationship be to the Ecosystem Roundtable?* No formal relationship exists but we expect that the Restoration Roundtable and the Ecosystem Roundtable will want to be regularly updated on actions that the other is taking. In addition, CVPIA and CALFED staff will continue to coordinate on issues that are important to both groups.

*How long will the Ecosystem Roundtable exist?* The Ecosystem Roundtable is a subcommittee of BDAC and so serves at the direction of the chair and will no longer exist once BDAC is disbanded. The Ecosystem Roundtable has been designed to function as an interim body and is expected to be replaced by some long term arrangement as part of the overall solution to the problems of the Bay-Delta. The experience we gain in the Ecosystem Roundtable will be instructive as this long term arrangement is developed but the primary responsibility for its development rests elsewhere in the CALFED program.

If you have any questions, please call Cindy Darling at (916) 657-2666.

cc: Steve Hirsch  
Jeff Phipps  
Serge Birk  
Jeff Jaraczski  
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Attachments

Interested Parties:

Nat Bingham  
Rich Golb  
Cynthia Koehler  
Jason Peltier  
Tim Quinn  
Allen Short  
David Yardas  
Bill Gaines  
Gary Bobker